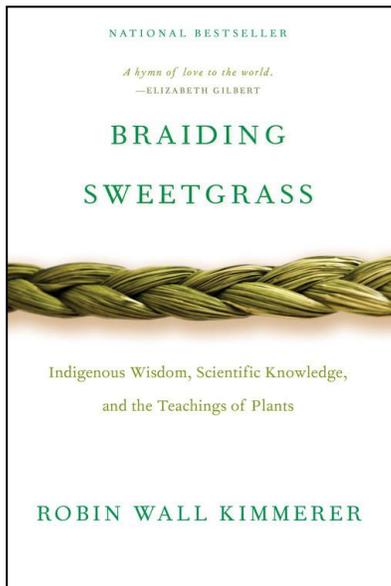


Announcing the Maple League Book Club for Spring of 2023

## Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teaching of Plants

by Robin Wall Kimmerer



To register visit: [TinyURL.com/ML-Braiding-Sweetgrass](https://tinyurl.com/ML-Braiding-Sweetgrass)

Everyone is welcome – we invite faculty, staff, and students from any school – within the Maple League and beyond!

The book club will meet for four sessions in May and June, **two weeks on, two weeks off, and two weeks on** starting the week of May 22nd.

We're hopeful that one of the following time slots can work for you:

- **Tuesdays from 11-12 (ET) / 12-1 (AT)** [May 23 & 30; June 20 & 27]
- **Wednesdays from 11-12 (ET) / 12-1 (AT)** [May 24 & 31; June 21 & 28]

The deadline to register is end-of-day on **Wednesday, May 10th**.

**About *Braiding Sweetgrass*:** *As a botanist, Robin Wall Kimmerer has been trained to ask questions of nature with the tools of science. As a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, she embraces the notion that plants and animals are our oldest teachers. In Braiding Sweetgrass, Kimmerer brings these two lenses of knowledge together to take us on “a journey that is every bit as mythic as it is scientific, as sacred as it is historical, as clever as it is wise” (Elizabeth Gilbert).*

*Drawing on her life as an indigenous scientist, a mother, and a woman, Kimmerer shows how other living beings—asters and goldenrod, strawberries and squash, salamanders, algae, and sweetgrass—offer us gifts and lessons, even if we’ve forgotten how to hear their voices. In a rich braid of reflections that range from the creation of Turtle Island to the forces that threaten its flourishing today, she circles toward a central argument: that the awakening of a wider ecological consciousness requires the acknowledgment and celebration of our reciprocal relationship with the rest of the living world. For only when we can hear the languages of other beings will we be capable of understanding the generosity of the earth, and learn to give our own gifts in return.*